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Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To E. W. Ross, Constable of North Yarmouth:

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the 14th day of March, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Town Treasurer and act on the same.

Art. 4. To hear the report of the Selectmen and act on the same.

Art. 5. To hear and act on the report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 6. To hear and act on the report of the Supervisor of Schools.

Art. 7. To hear the report of the Trustees of the School Fund and vote how the money shall be expended.

Art. 8. To choose all such officers as are required by law to be chosen in the month of March annually.

Art. 9. To raise money for the support of schools.

Art. 10. To raise money for support of poor.

Art. 11. To raise money for repair of bridges.

Art. 12. To raise money for the repair of roads, and vote how the money shall be expended, and fix the price of men, oxen and horses per day.

Art. 13. To raise money for the payment of town officers.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to have the reports of its officers for the ensuing year printed.

Art. 15. To receive accounts against the town and raise money for such as may be allowed.

Art. 16. To raise money for the contingent fund.

Art. 17. To raise money for the repair of school houses.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept such persons for bondsmen as the Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year may present.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay the tuition of those scholars belonging in town who are qualified and who wish to attend the High Schools of Gray, Cumberland and Yarmouth.

Art. 20. To see if the town will discontinue the private way leading from the public road, nearly opposite Joshua Chapman's dwelling house, in a southerly direction along the northwesterly side of the Morgan field, so called, to land adjoining said field, in the rear.

Art. 21. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk on revising the jury box.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to buy a piece of land of John Kelly, for a gravel pit, and raise money for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the voting list in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to one of us on or before the day of said meeting. Given under our hands at said North Yarmouth, Feb. 28th, 1898.

GEO. E. BASTON,
GARDNER LEIGHTON, Jr., } *Selectmen of North Yarmouth.*

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth:

We herewith submit our annual report of the financial condition of said town, showing receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 14th, 1898:

The whole amount of taxable property in town is:

Real,	$221,770 00	
Non-resident, real,	42,265 00	
Personal,	62,396 00	
Total,		$326,431 00

Number of polls, 198, at $2.

The percentage is $11 on $1000.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

State tax,	$997 94		
County tax,	468 81		
		$1,466	75
Amount raised for support of schools,		800	00
support of bridges,		150	00
support of poor,		500	00
payment of town officers,		250	00
contingent fund,		500	00
repair of school houses,		100	00
cemetery,		50	00
collector's commission,		80	00
Overlay,		92	19
Gained by fractions,			78
		$3,989	72
Uupaid road tax for the year 1896,		57	10
		$4,046	82

EDWIN W. ROSS, COLLECTOR FOR 1895.

DR.

To town tax unpaid Feb. 28, 1897,	$26 58

CR.

By town tax paid Feb. 14, 1898,	$19 05
By town tax unpaid Feb. 14, 1898,	7 53
	$26 58

EDWIN W. ROSS, COLLECTOR FOR 1896.

DR.

To town tax unpaid Feb. 28, 1897,	$2,037 51

CR.

By town tax paid Feb. 14, 1898,	$2,012 06
By town tax unpaid Feb. 14, 1898,	25 45
	$2,037 51

EDWIN W. ROSS, COLLECTOR FOR 1897.

DR.

To assessment town tax, 1897,	$2,580 07
To State tax,	997 94
To County tax,	468 81
	$4,046 82

CR.

By State tax paid,	$997 94
By County tax paid,	468 81
By town tax paid,	907 43
By town tax unpaid,	1,672 64
	$4,046 82

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SNOW BILLS, 1897.

George D. Porter,	$3 65
N. Porter,	5 90
S. S. Foster,	3 62
H. N. Sweetser,	1 35
Granville Hawkes, years 1892 and 1893,	2 40
Edward Beals,	2 15
Ernest Hall,	1 80
Frank H. Low,	6 53
C. W. Low,	2 80
E. D. Loring,	6 60
Franklin Cleaves,	7 95
F. N. Soper,	2 40
Sewell Baston,	3 45
Gardner Leighton,	2 20
Earle Fitts,	1 00
J. E. Bennett,	2 25
A. E. Hodsdon, year 1896,	70
M. E. Brackett,	2 80
P. H. Loring,	60
C. S. Sweetser,	2 35
George P. Skillings,	2 60
C. C. Crockett,	1 05
F. O. Hayes,	2 00

E. M. McIntire,	75
Ella B. Loring,	58
I. E. Hayes,	8 50
E. M. Lombard,	4 82
G. A. Bowie,	3 50
William True,	90
Frank True,	90
Richard True,	90
W. H. Evans,	5 15
J. M. Prince,	2 35
Wesley Ryder, for the years 1895 and 1896,	2 50
A. F. Sawyer,	1 55
A. F. Sywyer,	3 87
Chester J. Lawrence,	60
Royal Hamilton,	75
Geo. F. Skillins,	3 15
Charles Allen, year 1896,	2 80
Charles Allen,	1 00
J. M. Britt, year 1896,	2 40
J. M. Britt,	9 50
R. G. Haskell,	9 75
H. M. Hamilton,	3 75
M. F. Lovell,	2 91
C. C. Currie,	2 50
G. A. Staples,	53
John F. Woodman,	4 43
G. W. Haskell,	75
G. F. Loring,	1 77
S. L. Davis,	5 47
C. H. Young,	1 50
Hollis Doyle,	83
O. F. Dolloff,	2 55
A. N. Titcomb,	5 80
W. P. Johnson,	5 10
W. A. Winslow,	3 50
Joseph Hilton,	5 02
	$180 78

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES, 1897.

A. L. Dunn,	$12 78
Geo. A. Staples,	14 00
L. P. Pomeroy,	7 50
Geo. F. Rowe,	8 00
A. E. Hodsdon,	11 23
Geo. F. Rowe,	14 02
G. A. Staples,	9 00
A. E. Hodsdon,	90
Chas. L. Dunn,	11 75
Ansel L. Dunn,	11 84
	$101 02

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS, 1896.

W. H. Evans,	$1 65
S. S. Davis,	2 42
Wesley Ryder, year 1896,	2 50
J. M. Prince,	4 80
F. H. Low,	4 00
E. W. Hall,	1 12
G. A. Staples, year 1896,	1 50
Geo. F. Loring,	60
Geo. D. Porter, year 1896,	3 60
J. E. Bennett, year 1896,	1 50
J. E. Bennett,	75
C. W. Low,	3 20
C. W. Low,	2 99
E. M. Lombard,	6 60
M. E. Brackett, year 1896,	1 10
C. C. Crockett,	5 10

Enos True,	1 10
C. R. Loring,	1 91
	$46 44

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIR OF BRIDGES, 1897.

John Kelley, year 1896,	$2 00
Geo. W. Haskell, year 1896,	1 60
Charles Allen, year 1896,	75
A. F. Sawyer,	2 00
Gardner Leighton, Jr.,	10 50
Geo. E. Baston,	19 19
E. J. Baston,	5 62
Geo. W. Collins & Co.,	2 74
E. G. Hayes,	2 70
J. E. Hayes,	36 22
Joseph Hilton,	2 48
	$85 80

ORDERS DRAWN FOR COLLECTOR'S COMMISSIONS.

Edwin W. Ross,	$40 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TAX DEED.

Edwin W. Ross, tax deed and cost on Wm. S. Noyes's farm,	$20 50

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS.

F. N. Jordan, overtaxed, 1896.	$3 56
Edwin W. Ross, Collector years 1895-6,	21 77
	$25 33

ORDERS DRAWN FOR INTEREST.

Henry N. Sweetser,	$6 53
Sidney L. Leighton,	3 54
Geo. P. Skillen,	13 47
E. G. Morrill,	25 33
Alice L. Titcomb,	23 75
James Doten,	6 67
A. P. Lufkin, Treasurer,	176 34
	$255 63

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS

C. S. Sweetser, services as moderator,	$2 00
E. D. Loring, services as town clerk,	15 00
Geo. E. Baston, services as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	45 00
Gardner Leighton, Jr., services as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	34 00
Geo. F. Loring, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	15 00
Geo. F. Rowe, services as Supervisor of Schools,	58 25
E. W. Ross, services as Constable,	9 00
E. W. Ross, " " dog Constable,	3 00
E. D. Loring, services recording deaths, births, marriages, burial permits and death certificates,	10 20

E. D. Loring, services as Clerk of school fund,	2 50
E. D. Loring, services as Secretary of Board of Health, posting cards and fumigating,	10 00
A. P. Lufkin, services as Town Treasurer,	25 00
F. H. Low, services as dog constable,	3 75
F. H. Low, services as truant officer,	2 00
Wm. T. Dunn, services as member of Board of Health,	8 00
	$242 70

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1897.

Ada L. Morrill,	$75 00
Grace R. Seiders,	65 00
Eunice Lermond,	70 00
Elizabeth B. Mountfort,	70 00
Geo. F. Rowe,	4 00
Isaiah Beasly,	1 50
W. A. Winslow,	25 00
Edwin Fitts,	20 00
A. F. Sawyer,	2 00
Annie F. Bennett,	5 00
Frank H. Lowe,	3 00
Geo. W. Collins & Co.,	1 14
Geo. F. Rowe,	3 95
Geo. F. Rowe,	11 75
Cora May Whitney,	96 00
Albert L. Beals,	9 50
Eunice Lermond,	84 00
Grace R. Seiders,	90 00
Annie Bennett,	4 00
Geo. F. Rowe,	8 00
A. F. Sawyer,	6 00

W. A. Winslow,	30 00
Edwin Fitz,	24 00
Elizabeth B. Mountfort,	90 00
Town of Yarmouth,	45 00
Ada L. Morrill,	96 00
C. L. Dunn,	31 50
Porter Bros.,	4 50
Melvin Ramsdell,	2 00
Elias C. Marston,	2 50
Rand & McNalley,	11 28
Geo. E. Rowe,	3 45
Ada L. Morrill,	60 00
Elizabeth B. Mountfort,	56 00
Cora May Whitney,	64 00
Grace R. Seiders,	52 00
Eunice Lermond,	52 00
Geo. F. Rowe,	3 50
W. A. Winslow,	20 00
Edwin Fitts,	16 00
F. H. Low,	3 20
Geo. F. Rowe,	1 75
Geo. F. Rowe,	9 97
Maurace E. Hayes,	1 50
Geo. F. Rowe,	18 95
Geo. F. Rowe,	10 25
Ralph M. West,	3 00
A. F. Sawyer,	2 00
H. M. Hamilton,	4 75
Horace Hamilton,	2 75
Geo. F. Rowe,	16 47
Cora May Whitney,	80 00
Frank H. Low,	3 00
I. E. Hayes,	7 60
Roy Hamilton,	1 00
James Lawrence,	35 49
Hiram Nichols,	1 00
	$1,521 25

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENCIES, 1897.

Geo. E. Baston, stationery,	$4 90
John Kelley, tending lanterns for the year 1896,	2 00
John Hulit, wood for town house,	3 13
F. L. R. Gould, printing Town Reports,	22 00
Roy M. Loring, sawing wood for town house,	60
Am. Baptist Pub. Society, text books,	6 25
D. C. Heath & Co., text books,	6 00
F. M. Dolloff, express of text books,	1 05
Edwin Lombard, clothing and bedding destroyed by order of Board of Health,	31 00
Drummond & Drummond, legal services for the year 1896,	13 22
Harriet A. Kendall, land for cemetery at Crockett's Corner,	5 00
Geo. F. Rows, work in cemetery at Walnut Hill,	2 25
Ginn & Co., text books,	50 49
Geo. W. Haskell, tending lanterns from March, 1893, in Sept. 1897,	3 00
F. M. Dolloff, express on text books,	1 55
J. E. Bennett, tending lanterns,	1 00
D. C. Heath, text books,	5 60
John G. Pierce, certificates of deaths and births,	3 00
Bailey & Noyes, New Maine Townsman,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, order book,	2 25
Ginn & Co., text books,	16 73
Geo. E. Baston, postage and paper,	1 52
C. C. Crockett, work on cemetery fence,	2 70
H. M. Moulton, certificates of deaths and births,	1 00
C. H. Mitchell, casting for road machine,	85
Ansel L. Dunn, supplies furnished Board of Health,	1 88
S. C. Loring, watering privilege,	3 00
John Kelley, " "	3 00
E. G. Prince, " "	3 00
James Lawrence, justice fees year 1897,	1 50

James Lawrence, lumber for cemetery fence,	11 70
James Prince, services as sexton year 1897,	8 00
James Doten, repairing road machine,	45
S. A. Vosmus, certificates of deaths and births,	1 25
A. P. Lufkin, postage and paper,	1 50
	$225 37

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, 1897.

M. S. Cambell,	$39 53
M. S. Campbell,	32 30
C. L. Marston,	21 86
F. M. Dolloff,	17 50
F. M. Dolloff,	15 00
F. M. Dolloff,	15 00
R. Benstein,	10 85
R. Benstein,	7 45
M. S. Campbell,	35 73
M. S. Campbell,	32 58
M. S. Campbell,	6 84
Gardner Leighton, Jr.,	3 00
Geo. E. Baston,	17 05
D. N. Woodman,	5 00
J. M. Bates,	5 00
F. M. Dolloff,	30 00
F. M. Dolloff,	30 00
F. M. Dolloff,	12 00
F. M. Dolloff,	12 00
J. M. Prince,	4 00
M. S. Campbell,	31 42
M. S. Campbell,	29 58
M. S. Campbell,	39 99
Geo. F. Rowe,	2 00

Geo. E. Baston,	4 63
F. M. Dolloff,	24 00
F. M. Dolloff,	24 00
F. M. Dolloff,	15 00
F. M. Dolloff,	15 00
D. N. Woodman,	5 35
D. N. Woodman,	15 50
D. N. Woodman,	4 50
M. C. Campbell,	36 95
M. S. Campbell,	32 65
F. M. Dolloff,	24 00
F. M. Dolloff,	24 00
R. Benstein,	1 75
Geo. W. Collins & Co.,	4 10
F. M, Dolloff,	24 00
F. M. Dolloff,	24 00
	$735 11

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for support of schools,	$800 00
for support of poor,	500 00
for support of bridges,	150 00
for payment of town officers,	250 00
for a contingent fund,	500 00
for repair of school houses,	100 00
for cemetery,	50 00
for Collector's commission,	80 00
for overlay,	92 19
gained by factions,	78
Additional assessments,	2 00
Total assessments,	$2,524 97
Unpaid highway tax, 1896	57 10
	$2,582 07

Amount expended	for schools,	$1,521 25
	for poor,	520 49
	for repair of bridges,	85 80
	for repair of roads,	46 44
	for snow bills,	180 78
	for contingencies,	225 37
	for town officers,	242 70
	for interest,	255 63
	for Collector's commission,	40 00
		$3,118 46

RESOURCES.

Due from Edwin W. Ross, Collector, 1895,	$7 53
Due " " " " 1896,	25 45
Due " " " " 1897,	1,672 64
Due " non-resident tax deed,	20 50
	$1,726 12
Cash in treasury,	449 62
	$2,175 74

LIABILITIES.

Due for outstanding town orders,	$1,477 31
Due for estimated interest,	50 00
Due for estimated outstanding bills,	50 00
	$1,577 31
Resources above liabilities,	$598 43

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BASTON,
GARDNER LEIGHTON, JR., } *Selectmen of North Yarmouth.*

North Yarmouth, Feb. 28, 1898.

Report of the Overseers of Poor.

Paid F. M. Dolloff, for board of Thomas H. Quirk, five weeks, at $3.50 per week,		$17 50
F. M. Dolloff, for board of Thomas H. Quirk, 48 weeks, at $3 per week,		144 00
R. Bernstein, for clothing lor Thomas H. Quirk,		12 60
G. W. Collins & Co., for tobacco,		4 10
D. N. Woodman, medical attendance, year 1896,		15 50
C. L. Marston, for board of J. H. Marston, 7 2-7 weeks, at $3 per week,		21 86
F. M. Dolloff, for board of J. H. Marston, 48 weeks, at $3 per week,		144 00
R. Bernstein, for clothing for J. H. Marston,		7 45
D. N. Woodman, for medical attendance, 1896,		5 35
D. N. Woodman, for medical attendance,		4 50
Treasurer Insane Hospital, for board and clothing, of R. B. Richards,		143 63
Treasurer of Insane Hospital, for board and clothing of J. B. Lufkin,		127 11
Treasurer Insane Hospital, for board and clothing, of Edgar McKenney,		46 83
expenses in case of Edgar McKenney,		40 68
		$735 11
Amount received from J. H. Humphrey,	$127 11	
" " " City of Deering,	87 51	
		$214 62
		$520 49

GEORGE E. BASTON,
GARDNER LEIGHTON, JR., } *Overseers of Poor of North Yarmouth.*

Treasurer's Report.

DR.

1897.		
Mar. 1.	To cash in treasury,	$968 70
	To amount due from E. W. Ross, Collector,	2,064 29
	To commitments for 1897,	4,046 82
18.	Received of J. K. Morse heirs, non-resident tax deed,	14 31
April 1.	Received of F. N. Jordan, non-resident tax deed,	12 84
9.	Received of Town of Gray,	5 75
21.	Received from State Treasurer, unexpended dog licenses, 1896,	53 76
Sept. 4.	Received of E. D. Loring, dog licenses, 1897,	71 00
4.	Received of Treasurer North Yarmouth School Fund,	199 99
Oct. 2.	Received of R. L. Hamilton, rent of Quirk land,	4 00
Dec. 2.	Received of City of Deering,	87 51
1898.		
Feb. 2.	Received of State Treasurer, School Fund and mill tax, 1897,	462 90
2.	Received of State Treasurer, State Pensions,	84 00
28.	Received of John H. Humphrey,	127 11
28.	Received of Geo. W. Ingalls, non-resident tax deed,	20 80
28.	Received of Geo. H. Baston, Quirk buildings,	15 00
		$8,238 78

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By paid Selectmen's orders,	$3,783 16
State tax,	997 94
County tax,	468 81
State Treasurer, dog licenses,	71 00
State Pensions,	84 00
Town notes,	678 63
By amount due from E. W. Ross, Collector,	1,705 62
By cash in treasury to balance,	449 62
	$8,238 78

A. P. LUFKIN, TREASURER.

North Yarmouth, March 14, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH YARMOUTH SCHOOL FUND.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1898.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth:

The Trustees of the North Yarmouth School Fund make the following report of the financial condition of the fund for the year ending March 2, 1898.

1897.			
Mar. 1	7 shares Commercial Union Telegraph stock,	$700 00	
Mar. 1	11 shares Canal Nat'l Bank stock,	1,100 00	
Mar. 1	9 shares Casco Nat'l Bank stock,	900 00	
Mar. 1	William Hayes' Note, dated Jan. 1, 1880,	271 73	
Mar. 1	Cash to loan voted by town,	28 27	
Total amount of fund,			$3000 00

1897.		
April 1	Dividend on 7 shares Com'l Union Telegraph stock, 6 m. 3 per cent,	$21 00
July 1	Dividend on 11 shares Canal Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo. 3 1-2 per cent,	38 50
July 1	Dividend on 9 shares Casco Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo, 4 per cent,	36 00
1898.		
Jan. 1	Dividend on 9 shares Casco Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo. 4 per cent,	36 00
Jan. 1	Dividend on 11 shares Canal Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo. 3 per cent,	33 00

Jan.	1	Dividend on 4 shares First Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo. 3 per cent,	12 00
Jan.	1	Dividend on 4 shares Trader's Nat'l Bank stock, 6 mo. 3 per cent,	12 00
Jan.	1	Interest on W. Hayes' note, $271.73, one year 6 per cent,	16 30
Jan.	1	Interest on cash voted by town, $28.27, one year 6 per cent,	1 69
		Total amount of income,	$206 49

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the North Yarmouth School Fund holden March 2, 1898, it was voted that the Treasurer of the fund pay to the Town Treasurer the amount of the income $206.49 for the use of the schools in town for the ensuing year.

E. D. LORING, SECRETARY.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births Recorded for the Year Ending February 28, 1898.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
1897.			
Mar. 13	Stella May,	F.	Gardiner Jr., and Annie Leighton.
April 2	Catherine Emma,	F.	Christopher A. and Margaret S. Currie.
April 15	Elmer Chauncey.	M.	Tristram W. and Lela M. Gould.
June 20		M.	Edwin F. and Velma D. Grant.
June 27	Clarence Loring,	M.	Charles Loring and Minnie G. Marston.
July 18		M.	Allie H. and Emma R. Newcome.
Sept. 20		F.	George A. and Ethaleen Marston.
Sept. 29	Earl Blanchard,	M.	George W. and Cora M. Tracy.
Oct. 31		M.	John E. and Alice M. Bennett.
Nov. 27		F.	George M. and Matilda E. Perley.
1898.			
Jan. 17	Carrie Freda,	F.	William J. H. and Carrie B. Currie.

Record of Deaths for the Year Ending February 28, 1898.

Date of Death.	Name.	AGE. Yrs.	Mo.	Da.	Cause of Death.
1897.					
Mar. 6	Luna M. Dolloff,	28			Tubuculosis with Aenemia.
Mar. 18	Deborah S. Reed,	68	6	11	Central Embolus.
Feb. 21	Edward Batchelder,	75	11	29	Senility.
Mar. 25	Hephsibath S. Chase,	79	2	20	Senile Exhaustion.
Mar. 26	Major J. Lombard,	3	10	18	Diphtheria.
Aug. 14	Nancy B. Hilton,	87	2	10	Senile Gangrene.
Aug. 26	Albert Low Kimball,		3		Inanition.
Oct. 17	Henry L. Webber,	2	3	6	Ileocolitis.
Dec. 12	Frank True Sawyer,	9	8	16	Heart Failure after Diphtheria.
Dec. 29	Eliza A. Mitchell,	65	2	25	Catarrhal Pneumonia.
1898.					
Jan. 12	Joseph P. Sawyer,	83	7	4	Influenza.

Record of Marriages for the Year Ending February 28, 1898.

1897.

Nov. 25 John Randall Skillin of North Yarmouth, and Margaret A. Jones, of Boston, Mass.

1898.

Jan. 19 Albert L. Pulsifer of Yarmouth, and Etta M. Cleaves of Yarmouth.

E. D. LORING, Town Clerk.

Report Superintending School Committe.

To the Citizens of North Yarmouth:

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Whole number of children between the ages of four and twenty-one, belonging in town, April 1, 1896,		191
Whole number attending	Spring term,	105
Average " "	Spring term,	90
Whole " "	Fall term,	98
Average " "	Fall term,	82.4
Whole " "	Winter term,	86
Average " "	Winter,	71.8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	$800 00
Received from town school fund,	199 99
Received from State school fund and mill tax,	462 96
Due from Town of Gray for 1894,	7 65
Due from Town of Gray for 1895,	11 22
Received from Town of Gray for 1896,	5 75
Due from Town of Gray for 1897,	6 15
Balance unexpended March 1, 1897,	187 16
	$1,680 88

EXPENDITURES.

Teacher's wages for Spring term,	$284 00	
Teacher's wages for Fall term,	360 00	
Teacher's wages for Winter term,	456 00	
For transportation of pupils,	135 00	
For care of school houses,	39 50	
For wood for 1897,	78 27	
For wood for 1898,	35 49	
Insurance,	28 70	
School supplies,	51 29	
Cleaning school houses,	8 00	
Paid Town of Yarmouth,	45 00	
		$1,521 25
Balance unexpended,		159 63

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1897—1898.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole Number Registered.	Average Attendance.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Wages of Teachers per Week Exclusive of Board.	Price of Board per Week.	Amount Paid including Board.
	SPRING TERM.						
1	Cora May Whitney	39	34	8	$6 00	$2 00	$64 00
2	Elizabeth B. Mountfort	16	12.5	8	5 00	2 00	56 00
4	Grace R. Seiders	12	10.5	8	4 50	2 00	52 00
6	Ada L. Morrill	26	21.5	8	5 50	2 00	60 00
9	Eunice A. Lermond	12	11	8	4 50	2 00	52 00
							$284 00
	FALL TERM.						
1	Cora May Whitney	34	29	10	$6 00	$2 00	$80 00
2	Elizabeth B. Mountfort	22	17	10	5 00	2 00	70 00
4	Grace R. Seiders	11	10.2	10	4 50	2 00	65 00
6	Ada L. Morrill	20	16	10	5 50	2 00	75 00
9	Eunice A. Lermond	11	10.2	10	5 00	2 00	70 00
							$360 00
	WINTER TERM.						
1	Cora May Whitney	30	24	12	$6 00	$2 00	$96 00
2	Elizabeth B. Mountfort	17	13.5	12	5 50	2 00	90 00
4	Grace R. Seiders	11	9.3	12	5 50	2 00	90 00
6	Ada L. Morrill	16	14	12	6 00	2 00	96 00
9	Eunice A. Lermond	12	10	12	5 00	2 00	84 00
							$456 00

Total amount paid Teachers, $1,100 00

School No. 1. Miss Cora May Whitney, teacher.

When I first visited this school at the commencement of the Spring term, I found the pupils noisy and not disposed to attend strictly to their studies. At the close of the term there was much improvement in this respect, and this improvement has continued throughout the year. Miss Whitney is a disciplinarian of the first rank. The work done by several of the classes was very good.

School No. 2. Miss Elizabeth B. Mountfort, teacher.

Miss Mountfort's work in this school has been satisfactory throughout the year. Several of the classes made good progress in their studies, especially the classes in U. S. History and Geography.

School No. 4. Miss Grace R. Seiders, teacher.

The committee were very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Seiders for this school. The promptness manifested by the pupils in their recitations made it a pleasure to listen to them. The work done by the classes in reading and penmanship was especially good. Miss Seiders does not consider that the mere pronunciation of words without regard to expression makes a good reader. For little attention is paid to this important feature in many of our schools.

School No. 6. Miss Ada L. Morrill, teacher.

Miss Morrill, in this school has met with her usual success. The feeling between teacher and pupils became at the commencement of the year very cordial and harmonious, and has, I think, so continued throughout the year. The Winter term was somewhat broken by sickness, but the work done has been first class in every respect.

School No. 9. Miss Eunice A. Lermond, teacher.

This school had become somewhat demoralized by the lack of proper discipline for several years, but in placing Miss Lermond here the committee feel justified in saying that it has been a case of the right person in the right place.

Miss Lermond is a student of the Gorham Normal School, and her methods show the advantages of special training. The discipline has also been of the best. The school is small with but twelve scholars, but this is no measure of Miss Lermond's ability as a teacher.

REMARKS.

The school year, considered as a whole, has been a very profitable one. None but experienced teachers have been employed, and no changes made throughout the year.

In the most of our schools the past year the teacher has been aided by the co-operation and interest of the parents in the work of the school. In some cases, however, the fact still remains true, that the work done in the school room is of little or no avail, because of the lack of interest in the education of their children manifested by the parents.

In text books the only changes made have been the introduction of Blaisdell's Physiology and Cye's Third Reader. The Fourth Reader of this series has recently been published by Ginn & Co., and should be placed in the schools the coming year.

In one school, No. 4, the vertical system of penmanship has been thoroughly tested, and the result obtained shows that in legibility and the comparative ease which children acquire it, it is far superior to the old method. It should, I believe, be adopted throughout the town. New globes have been placed in numbers 2 and 9, and an Unabridged Dictionary in No. 4. There is need of more good maps in several of the schools.

The repairs made have been mostly confined to No. 6 and No. 9. In No. 6 the building has been repainted, and the blackboards repaired.

In No. 9, it was thought best to rebuild the chimney before commencing the Winter term. A new out-building

has also been erected here. These were some of the most pressing needs of this school house, but there are other repairs that should be made. This is the only school house in use in which the old-fashioned benches have not been superceded by modern seats. This should be done the coming year. The room also needs replastering.

No. 2 has also received a coat of paint, and some minor repairs made in No. 1. New windows are much needed in this building. The amount to be raised in repairs should not be less than the amount raised one year ago.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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